

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Continuation of U.S. Appln. No. 09/719,816

Attorney Docket No. Q77043

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation of Application No. 09/719,816 filed December 18, 2000, which is a National Stage Application filed under §371 of PCT Application No. PCT/JP99/03180 filed June 15, 1999; the above noted prior applications are all hereby incorporated by reference.